

WORKERS FOR BLIND CONFERRING TODAY

Prominent Delegates to Have
Sessions During Remainder
of Week.

Representative men from all parts of the United States are assembling today at the Hotel Gordon, for the Washington Conference of Workers for the Blind.

All morning delegates were arriving and registering at the headquarters of the conference in the Hotel Gordon where a "Get Together" luncheon at noon marks the first event on a notable program. It will be followed at 2 o'clock by a visit to the White House where President Wilson will grant an audience to the delegates.

Prevention of Blindness.
Superintendent John F. Bledsoe, of the Maryland School for the Blind, will call the first session to order in the parlors of the hotel at 2:30 o'clock, when the subject of the prevention of blindness will be taken up.

Brief reports will be submitted from Massachusetts by Miss Lucy Wright, general superintendent, Massachusetts Commission for the Blind; from New York, by Miss Carolyn C. Van Blarcom, executive secretary, New York Commission for the Prevention of Blindness; from Ohio, by Miss Marion A. Campbell, chief secretary of the Ohio Commission for the Blind; and from Maryland, by Dr. J. J. Carroll, secretary of the Maryland Association for the Prevention of Blindness.

An invitation is extended to the public to attend the meeting in the Public Library tonight. Senator P. Gore, the blind Senator from Oklahoma, will preside and the invocation will be offered by the Rev. Dr. Henry N. Condit, the blind chaplain of the House of Representatives.

To Show Lantern Slides.

Following the welcoming of the delegates by Congressman Sanford Kirkpatrick of Alabama, Edward M. Van Cleave, the president of the Ohio State Commission for the Blind, will formally explain the purposes of the conference. Olin H. Burritt, of Pennsylvania, will tell "What the National Government is Doing for the Blind," with Dr. C. F. Fraser, of the Halifax school for the blind, covering the same ground with respect to Canada. H. Randolph Latimer, of Maryland, and M. C. Miel, will address themselves to the subjects of reform systems and finances, respectively.

An exhibition of lantern slides will be given by Charles F. Campbell, executive secretary of the Ohio Commission for the Blind, and editor of the Outlook for the Blind. He will also present a series of motion pictures, taken at his father's school for the blind in London, which show blind athletes running races, riding on motorcycles built to carry twelve people, gymnastic exercises, such as marching and the building of pyramids.

There will be sessions Friday morning, afternoon, and evening, and the conference will be brought to a close Saturday morning.

**Tulsa Races Closed by
Volley From the Militia**

TULSA, Okla., April 15.—State militia, acting under orders of Governor Cruce to prevent gambling at the Tulsa race track, fired a volley over the heads of the jockeys as they came down the stretch in the first race. No one was injured, but the race was broken up. Adit. Gen. Frank M. Canton announced that if another race was attempted he would order the soldiers to kill the horses in their tracks.

Afterward the crowd started back to the grandstand. The guardsmen halted them, and the men were forcibly ejected. The turbulent scenes followed the issuance of an injunction against the militia by Judge M. A. Breckenridge of the superior court.

McMillan Boy Recovering

While his condition is still serious, surgeons at Ft. Myer Hospital said today that Ambrose McMillan, nine-year-old son of Capt. C. W. McMillan, who was thrown from a horse Monday and badly hurt, would recover. The horse reared on the left, breaking his wrist and injuring him about the head.

Store Closes Daily 6 P. M. Saturday at 9 P. M.

Smartest FOOTWEAR Styles Being Shown

In this great stock of footwear you will find every style that has the stamp of fashion's approval.

FOOTWEAR FOR WOMEN

Ladies' and Misses' Mary Jane Patent Pumps with straps around ankles. Price, \$3.50 per pair.

Ladies' Tan Russia Calf Pumps and Low Shoes, very popular during the early spring. Prices, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50.

Ladies' Patent Colt Colonials, with fancy vesting cloth backs, turns, or welts; up-to-the-minute style. \$3.50 to \$5.00 per pair.

Ladies' Patent Gun-Metal, with Cut Steel, Gilt, Nickel, or Enamel ornaments. All newest style heels. Prices, \$3.00 to \$5.00 per pair.

Ladies' Patent Gun-Metal, and Kid Oxford Ties, all shapes and styles. Prices, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50.

FOOTWEAR FOR MEN

Men's Tan Russia Calf Lace Shoes and Oxfords, welts and all new styles and lasts. \$3.50 to \$5.00 per pair.

Men's Bon Marche Lace Shoes and Oxfords, our own designs and makes, at \$5.00 per pair.

Richest Designs in Hosiery now being shown. Special, Ladies' and Men's Pure Silk Hosiery, all colors, per pair. **25c**

FAMILY SHOE STORE

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Jos. Strasburger Co. 310-312 Seventh St. N. W.

PROMINENT WORKERS FOR THE BLIND

EBEN P. MORFORD,
President American Association of
Workers For the Blind.

LYDIA Y. HAYES,
Supervisor of Work For the Blind in
New Jersey.

JOHN F. BLEDSOE,
Superintendent Maryland School For
the Blind, Presiding Officer.



ASSAIL CONTROL OF STOCK AT HEARING

Divorce of Potomac Power Company From Railway Corporation Is Urged.

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utility corporations was objectionable. "This seems to be a question of fixing rates and not the sale of stock," suggested Congressman Reason. "That would be a solution," admitted Commissioner Harding, "but before we can arrive at the subject of rates we must have a valuation of the properties, which would take months. This probably would be followed by litigation, and during this long period the Public Utilities Commission would be powerless."

"I don't see the point exactly," commented Chairman Johnson. "You probably will have litigation if you attempt to force a sale of the stock held by the railroad company." "Suppose the power company stock is distributed among the stockholders of the railway company," interposed Congressman Igoe. "The beneficiaries would be the same, no matter if the boards of directors were different. I don't think you can say that this stock should be sold to certain persons, or that certain other interests cannot buy it."

"It comes right back to the question of rate fixing," said Congressman Reason. "With two different boards of seven men each," said Commissioner Harding, "we are in hopes that this contract between the street railway company and the power company will not be approved, and the Public Utilities Commission may disapprove the new contract. Committee members generally seemed at odds as to the best means of meeting the situation."

"These directors of the street railway and the power company enter into contracts with themselves," explained Commissioner Harding. "These contracts would not have been entered into had the concerns been different corporations." "But suppose the directors of the two separate concerns are elected by the same interests," said Igoe. "You unscrupulous directors, but do not unscrupulous the stock." "But you can forbid the street railway company, as such, controlling the electric light company," said Colonel Harding. "That is what it is doing."

Resigns Post in Sweden.

DULUTH, Minn., April 15.—Charles H. Graves has resigned as United States minister to Sweden on account of ill health, and his resignation has been accepted.

BIG CUT MAY 1 IN INTERSTATE FARES

I. C. C. Applies Long and Short Haul Principle to Railroad Passenger Traffic.

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Sweeping reductions in passenger fares on the interstate railroads will go into effect May 1, on which date the roads will apply the new tariffs extending the long and short haul principle to passenger traffic.

An analysis of the tariffs on file with the Interstate Commerce Commission shows that 55 per cent of the new rates will be reductions and only 5 per cent increases. The effective date of the new rates will be May 1, on which date the carriers that after May 1 they would not be permitted to charge a higher rate for the shorter than for the longer haul without specific permission from the commission.

The most material reductions in fares under the new tariffs are from important terminal and rate-basing cities to intermediate points.

The names of five new members were considered at the meeting of the Board of Trade yesterday afternoon.

Woodward & Lothrop

New York—WASHINGTON—Paris.

Tomorrow—Final Clearance Prices on the Remaining Stock of MISSSES' AND GIRLS' WINTER COATS, GIRLS' LIGHT-WEIGHT WOOL DRESSES.

In order to effect immediate disposal we have assembled our remaining assortments of Misses' and Girls' Coats and Wool Dresses, and placed unusually great reductions on them. In most cases the lowering of prices is so great as to leave the sale prices at only a fraction of their original marking. We do this to make clearance positive.

There are many days yet when garments such as these can be worn, and for the coming season they are just the proper weight for traveling or cool days at the seashore or mountains during vacation.

The Coats Greatly Reduced

17 Misses' Coats, sport style, black-and-white and blue-and-white stripes, and also plain colors, in wool plush, trimmed with white buttons and large, wide belt; also a few novelty mixtures. Sizes 14, 16 and 18 years.

\$3.95 each.
Were \$12.75 and \$18.50.

5 Misses' Full-length Coats, lined throughout, made of wool ratine and broadcloth, in blue, brown, mode and black; sizes 14, 16 and 18.

\$12.50 each.
Reduced from \$25.00.

20 Girls' and Misses' Coats, plain and mixed wool cloths, velvets and chinchillas, in shades of brown, tan, blue and gray; unlined; sizes 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 and 18.

\$7.50 each.
Reduced from \$15.00 and \$18.75.

12 Misses' Sport Coats, of velvet, corduroy, plush, chinchilla and wool plush, in tan, gray, green, tango and rose; sizes 14, 16 and 18 years.

\$9.25 each.
Were \$16.50, \$19.50 and \$25.00.

Third floor, Eleventh st.

The Light-weight Wool Dresses Reduced.

10 Girls' Light-weight Wool Dresses, one-piece style, in checks and plain serges and challis; light and dark colors; sizes 6 to 12 years.

\$3.95 each.
Were \$5.00 and \$5.75.

10 Girls' Wool Dresses, light and dark colors, in brown, navy, checks and plaids; three-quarter sleeves and Dutch neck; sizes 6 to 10 years.

\$5.00 each.
Were \$7.50 and \$8.75.

28 Girls' Light-weight Wool Dresses of serges, broadcloths and wool ratine, in white, navy, tan, brown, old rose and checks, some with wide silk girdles, others in Russian style, with three-quarter sleeves and Dutch neck, beautified by lace collars; sizes 6 to 12 years.

\$7.50 each.
Were \$10.00, \$12.50, \$13.75, and \$15.00.

THE SALE OF GUARANTEED WATCHES AT \$5.00 CLOSING SATURDAY.

Watches for men and women, boys and girls, in several styles; warranted 10-year cases and 1-year movements, 7 jeweled.

THERE IS NEED FOR QUICK ACTION.

Main floor, 1st st.

COXEY'S NEW "ARMY" HEADS FOR CAPITAL

"General," in Mule-Drawn Phaeton, Begins Heralded Advance With 200 Recruits.

MASSILLON, Ohio, April 15.—Led by "General" Jacob S. Coxe in a rickety phaeton drawn by a sleepy mule, about 200 recruits to the second Coxe's army to march to Washington in twenty years left here today at 10 o'clock. Hundreds of people lined the streets to watch the motley "army" file by. "General" Coxe's mule, Maud, was a big attraction.

Plutting from the sides of the hybrid was a banner, bearing in large letters the words "Jacob's Arm," and below, the inscription:

"I am toolless and mortgaged. My owner pays 8 per cent every two months in advance. The bank that loans him money gets it from Uncle Sam at cost; besides, he pays the bank interest on the securities deposited for the issuance of the money. I am pulling my owner to Washington to have him granted the same privileges."

Accompanying "General" Coxe in the phaeton was his wife. She will make part of the journey. Directly behind, David Coxe, aged seven, the general's son and courier, rode a small pony. Then came the "army."

The "army" will gather recruits at various cities on the way. Canton is scheduled to be the first stop. Lewistown, Ohio, will be the Friday night bivouac. Alliance, Ohio, Saturday afternoon, and Salem, Ohio, Sunday, is the order. The march will thence be made into Pennsylvania to Pittsburgh, and then on to Washington.

General Coxe announced that no arrangements for a commissary department are to be made.

"We will buy no food," said Coxe. "The soldiers will live off the country—eat donations from kind-hearted individuals."

**Young Wards of Charity
Will See Belasco Play**

Through the generosity of a prominent Washingtonian three hundred of the "less fortunate" children of the city will attend the initial performance of "Racketty Packety House," at the Belasco Theater, Saturday morning.

The children will be gathered from various institutions which are in close touch with the poor. Many of them have never been to a real theater, and a good many of them never have had even a nickel to get them into a "movie."

The first dress rehearsal of "Racketty Packety House" was held yesterday morning. Almost every child knows every other child's part. Some of the tiniest ones know the parts of all the other children who are in the scenes with them, and if one of the tiny actors does not take up his cue instantly, he smokes or orders, in tones that can be heard across the footlights.

THE GREATER
PALAIS ROYAL
A. LISNER Hours: 9 to 5:45 G STREET

The Men's Shop
Tomorrow's Best Bargain
\$10.50
Balmacaan Coats
These Cravenette Coats in browns, grays, and mixtures, are the \$15.00 grade. A real saving of \$4.50 for tomorrow—creating the best bargain of the day in Washington for gentlemen.

These and Other Suits \$10, \$12.50, \$15

New Spots in the Bargain Basement

The "live-wire" chief of this Greater Bargain Basement returned from New York yesterday. The results of his trip will be fully demonstrated tomorrow. Arriving at this writing—nearly 200 Cloth Suits, guaranteed \$18 to \$35 values at \$10 to \$15.

\$8.98
For 2,500 Dresses

This "Bargain Basement" was created with the primary purpose of proving that low cost goods need not be trashy. Never proved more effectively than in these charming, soft finish taffeta, and Dolly Varden Silk Dresses. The dancing frock and the street dress is here in every new mode, bouffant, draped, bustled, tiered, and flounced. Colors from bright yellow to sober black. Cheap in price—\$8.98—but \$25 values in styles, materials, trimmings, finish, and fit. If a stranger to this Bargain Basement test it tomorrow with these dresses—and let your verdict be told to friends.



BASEMENT FLOOR
—at \$8.98 for Choice

BASEMENT FLOOR
4 Seconds—4 Elevators

Note the Quality Offered—Then the Price

The street dresses of wash materials. As much as \$5. As little as... **\$1.00**
The house dresses of wash materials. Trimmed, at \$6. plain at... **59c**

Dolly Varden Silk Petticoats to hurry for... **89c**
New supplies of White Waists. Superlatively good at the prices, 32c and... **95c**

See these black and American Beauty Petticoats, at only... **39c**
Brassieres and Corset Covers you know of as 50c garments... **23c**

BASEMENT Friday Bargains

\$10.50 size "Model" Gas Range, heavy castings, top 26 inches, with three drilled burners and large lined oven and broiler... **\$7.95**
\$5.50 Laundry Gas Stoves, 27 inches high, with two double burners... **\$2.97**
\$12.50 "Perfection" Blue Flame Wick Oil Cook Stove on legs; 26 inches high; with three burners; no smoke or odor... **\$9.48**
\$2.00 Rochester Percolator; solid copper; nickel plated... **\$1.69**
\$1.00 Oil Stove, two-burner, with large iron oil tank... **87c**

\$3.98 Gas Range, 3 drilled burners on top, full size lined oven... **\$5.75**

**BASEMENT
Friday Bargains**
\$5.50 Duplex Wireless Cookers; galvanized iron lined; two aluminum vessels, 2 and 4 qt.; complete with 4 qt. cook... **\$4.50**
3c Gas Tubing, assorted colors, with patent ends; all sizes; finest quality; foot... **3c**
\$5.88 Perfection Wickless Oil Cook Stoves, with two burners... **\$4.75**
\$1.98 Steel Ovens, lined, for gas or oil... **\$1.39**
\$3.50 Anchor Blue Flame Wickless Oil Cook Stoves, with two burners; no smoke or odor... **\$2.87**
15c Wilson Bread Toasters, for gas or oil stoves... **10c**

SPRING Housecleaning

No tired back or wet hands if this self-wringing mop is used. Only... **24c**
The makers of the Wizard angle mop will not allow a price reduction... **\$1.50**

Moth Balls, extra strong; 2 pounds for... **10c**
Manahan's Moth Bags; extra strong and dustproof; size 20x37 inches... **34c**
Manahan's Tar Sheets; extra strong; size 40x8 inches... **47c**
Dozen... **10c**
Naphthalene and Lavender Compound; large boxes... **7c**
Naphthalene and Cedar Compound; large boxes... **19c**
Japanese Camphor; in large tin box... **17c**
Oriental Camphor; large box... **14c**
Packaging Camphor, in tin cans... **5c**
Hygienic Sulphur Fumigators; each... **17c**
Dead Stag; kills all insects; large cans... **10c**
Peterson's Roach Food and Peterson's "Discovery," in tin cans... **9c**
Black Flag Insect Powder; bottle... **9c**
White House Floor Oil; 1 quart can... **25c**
Wizard Mop Oil; large bottle... **25c**
Searline Metal Polish; can... **15c**
Floor Brushes; long handle... **50c**
Feather Duster; 6-foot handle... **10c**
Ready-mixed Paints; cans... **10c**
Sizing Brushes; assorted sizes... **5c**
Whisk Brooms... **9c**

BASEMENT Friday Bargains

\$5.00 Ice Chest, hardwood, galvanized iron lined... **\$3.39**

\$6.50 Ranney Refrigerator, galvanized iron lined, family size, capacity 15 lbs... **\$4.69**

\$5.00 Art Glass Dining Room Dome, 22 inch, complete with Weisbach burner... **\$6.75**

\$1.50 "Ray" Reading Lamp, complete... **\$1.10**

\$6c Nickel Alarm Clock, guaranteed one year... **47c**

\$1.25 Family Scales, guaranteed up to 24 pounds... **89c**

Screen Frames, to fit any size window, bring measure... **25c**

Screen Wire, best quality, weatherproof. Square foot... **14c**

\$1.00 English China Dinner and Tea Set, 100 full size pieces, two style decorations in various colors... **\$5.93**

\$1.00 English China Chamber Sets 6 pieces... **49c**

Rabbit's Feet Naphtha Star, and Enrole's Crystal Soap, Pearlina, Stove Polish, Gold Dust, and large bottle Household Ammonia, and other 5c articles... **34c**

2c Tea Kettle, nickel plated... **25c**

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